

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/603,625 Confirmation No. 4454

Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.

Filed : June 26, 2003

Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER

Art Unit : 1797

Examiner : L.J. Ramillano

Customer No. : 24956

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF PROSECUTION**

**MAIL STOP: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP §709, applicants request that prosecution of the application be continued. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on April 28, 2009 with a request for suspension of action of one month indicated. Subsequently, a Petition to Revive the application for being unintentionally abandoned was granted on June 16, 2009. On June 25, 2009, applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment subsequent to the filing of the RCE of April 28, 2009. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for examination and further suspension of the prosecution of the application is not requested by the applicants.

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Accordingly, applicants request that the Letter suspending prosecution at applicant's request mailed July 8, 2009 be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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